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## GOVERNOR COOPER FOR FARM BOARD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO RESIGN GOVERNORSHIP WHEN SENATE CONFIRMS NOMINATION.

Governor R. A. Cooper, of South Carolina, has been nominated by President Harding to fill the unexpired term of former Representative A. F. Lever, on the Farm Loan Board.

Under the law creating the board, this appointment had to go to a Democratic from the South and there had been candidates all the way from Texas to North Carolina. One of the names most frequently mentioned and strongly urged was that of former Representative Whaley, of Charleston.

Governor Cooper's appointment has been greeted with nothing but praise in Washington, and it is taken for granted that confirmation by the senate will be very prompt. The influence of Senator N. B. Dial at the white house is regarded by political observers as having been decisive in favor of the governor. Senator Dial said with reference to the nomination:

"It is scarcely necessary for me to say that the nomination of Governor Cooper will bring the membership of the Farm Loan Board an executive of unusual ability; an official at whose hands and under whose administration the farm loan law should be carried out in a most satisfactory way and a man of untiring devotion to duty. He is a man of varied experience. He is a farmer and lawyer. He has been one of my close neighbors and is a native of Laurens."

### Harvey Next Governor

Governor Cooper will probably resign as governor of South Carolina to accept the Federal Farm Loan place to which he has been appointed by the president, early in June, he said in all probability June 1. The governor will accept the appointment and his resignation as the chief executive of South Carolina will be as early as possible, depending largely upon the date of his confirmation by the senate and the arranging of his personal affairs in South Carolina.

When the governor accepts the place as the successor to A. F. Lever, he will move his family to Washington, the headquarters of the Federal Farm Loan Board.

Governor Cooper said that he was one of forty applicants for the place vacated by Mr. Lever, but that as soon as he conferred with President Harding, Wednesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, the president told him he would send his name to the senate the next morning.

"The president frankly stated that he was appointing a Democrat because he had to," the governor said. The president also asked the governor to take up the work as soon as he could.

"I know of no objection to my confirmation," Governor Cooper said in discussing the appointment. "Senator Dial has been working in my behalf, as has also Senator Smith, and other senators."

The appointment is for two years, as Mr. Lever's successor but the governor will then in all likelihood be reappointed for a full term of eight years.

"When I resign, the lieutenant governor, Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston, will take the oath of office and become governor of the state," the chief executive said.

"The work of the Federal Farm Loan Board appeals to me and has always appealed to me. I have long stressed the need of a better basis of agriculture in South Carolina and this board offers a chance for advancement in farm land ownership and improvements. Farm lands are already over-burdened with mortgages and this board offers a chance to escape from these mortgages," the governor declared.

"While I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the people of the South and the nation, and my own state, I will sever my connection with the governor's office with greatest reluctance. It is my purpose before I retire to make a more extensive statement to the people of the state. My interests in the state and my affection for the people will not be lessened by my retirement from the governor's office."

Columbia, May 16—Governor Cooper announced tonight that he would resign as Chief Executive next Saturday. This automatically will mean the elevation of Lieutenant Governor

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

County Red Cross Meets in Regular Session at Town Hall.

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Williamsburg County Chapter American Red Cross was held Tuesday, May 9, at the town hall. There were fourteen members present.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Thos. McCutchen, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A plan, presented by Mr. Boswell, for a rest room was read and discussed. This plan is to fix some place in town where ladies and children who come to shop or for any other reason may stop. With as much surrounding county as there is here such a place would be a great convenience. It is hoped that the different stores and other places of business in town will contribute sufficient funds to pay the rent of the place which may be secured.

A letter was read from Dr. Riser of the State Board of Health concerning the services of some one from the board in conducting a campaign against hook worm in this county. Before this letter was discussed, Dr. Harper gave a very interesting talk on the history of hook worm disease and its effects. He stressed the fact of its prevalence in this county. It was stated that out of eighteen children examined at the Red Cross Clinic lately there was only one child that did not have hook worm infection.

After this talk it was decided to thank Dr. Riser for his offer of help and to carry on the campaign as soon as it could be conveniently arranged.

The report of the Home Service secretary was omitted on account of lack of time. This report is given in short below.

There have been fifty-four civilian and sixteen ex-soldier cases handled during the past month. The civilian cases include a number of negroes but a majority of whites. The ex-soldier cases deal principally with negroes who are trying to get hospitalization.

One case that the secretary is very much interested in is that of three half orphan children. Some weeks ago their mother became incurably insane and was sent to the state hospital. These children, a boy nine years old, a girl six, and another boy about four, are now living with their father. Their old grandmother stayed with them for awhile but even she has left and there is no one except the man to take care of the little ones. The oldest boy is undersized and unhealthy looking. He chews tobacco all the time. The father says that he has offered to give him anything if he will stop but he will not. When asked if he would not like for his children to be put in an orphanage where they could be well taken care of the father said, Oh no, he loved his children too much and would be too lonely without them. Why he would not have any one to cry for him and besides he had taken care of them all this time and now they would soon be able to take care of him. The oldest boy can plow now and by next year the little girl will be old enough to go to the cook pot and save him that trouble. What is to be done with a father like that?

It was announced in the churches last Sunday that the Boy Scouts would go to the different homes and collect garments to be used in the local work. Any thing is acceptable. There is hardly anything so old as not to be a help to some one. There are several widows in the county who are asking for a few clothes for their little ones. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

### Greelyville Association Meets.

The Greelyville White Wyandotte Poultry association held their May meeting with the president. The members and several visitors received much valuable information from Miss Atkinson's talk on sanitation and marketing.

An immediate shipment of broilers will be sold by our county demonstration agent.

Interest in the White Wyandottes is steadily increasing in this, the only poultry association in Williamsburg county.

The meeting closed after enrolling one new member and appointing a program committee for local work.

Harvey, of Charleston, to the Governorship.

## WILLIAMSBURG CLUB MARKET A SUCCESS.

Provides Outlet For Much Surplus Produce of Country Farms. Demands Increase.

We believe that the community market in Kingstree is going to be a big success and will mean much for our county as it has in other places. The sales on last Saturday amounted to \$28.70, just double the amount that it was on the Saturday before. We had a wonderful variety of all kinds of good things to eat and I am sure that all who came in found just what they were looking for. The marketing committee would like to urge every house wife to take a few minutes on Saturday between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock to come in and see our display even if you do not care to buy anything that day, so that you will know what to expect the next time.

An article relative to the club markets in South Carolina appeared in the January issue of the Woman's Home Companion. This article excited wide interest as is evidenced by the fact that the home demonstration department of Winthrop College received letters from twenty-one different states and in a good many instances several letters from the same state. Some of these letters came from home demonstration agents, some from the presidents of federated clubs, civic leagues and other club leaders and some from farm women. In every instance information in regard to the organization plans of the South Carolina club markets was eagerly sought. Truly our fame has gone abroad.

We as a state are very proud of the success of these markets and the result can hardly be foretold. Aside from the money which is being put into the pockets of the women of the state the permanent improvement of the state as a whole is constantly being brought to our notice through increased number of fruit trees planted, more and better poultry raised, and as a result, a better poultry house is being built. More dairy cows and better dairy cows are being found on the farms, and last but not least, the farm people are realizing as never before the advantage of the year-round garden.

Successful marketing begins with production. The product must be of good quality and something for which there is a demand. Quality is always a large factor in marketing.

MISS HATTIE J. McMURRAY, County Home Demonstration Agent.

### Death Claims Mrs. Dobbin.

Mrs. Anna Dobbin passed away Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh McCutchen. Mrs. Dobbin was born in Clinton, N. C., January 13, 1836, having passed her eighty-sixth birthday. She was married in 1864 to James C. Dobbin, of Fayetteville, N. C., where she lived until the death of her husband. Three children were born to this union, two daughters and one son. Mrs. Dobbin has lived in Kingstree for many years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCutchen. Since the death of Mr. McCutchen two years ago, Mrs. Dobbin and her daughter have made their home together.

The deceased is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Lester M. Conrow, of Greencastle, Pa., and Mrs. Hugh McCutchen, of this place and by the following grandchildren: Henry Gibbes Gilland, and Anna Conrow, of Greencastle, Pa., and Dorothy Dobbin, of New York. Before her marriage she was Miss Anna Holmes, and is the last member of her family.

The funeral was held at the residence on Saturday at 12 o'clock conducted by the Rev. Walter Mitchell of Charleston, assisted by the Rev. John W. Davis, and the interment was made immediately after at Williamsburg cemetery.

The floral offerings were numerous in design and unusually beautiful.

Mrs. Dobbin was a devout member of the Episcopal church and a most lovable Christian character, always bright and cheerful despite the infirmities of her advanced age. One could not come in contact with her sweet, gentle, kindly nature without being deeply impressed.

Porter Military academy, Charleston, won a clear title of the state prep championship Saturday by defeating Carlisle school here, 7 to 1. Sanders and Sauls were the opposing hits, while Porter garnered ten from Sauls.

## PARENTS MUST AID, SAYS CAPITAL SCHOOL HEAD.

Cooperation Between Home and School Aid to Education.

Washington has a very full development of the Parent-Teacher Association idea, which has been developed during the administration of several school superintendents. The present head of the schools in the National Capital, Dr. Frank W. Ballou, emphasizes the need of interaction between home and schools, and points out that the teacher can influence the child only during a few hours a day, whereas the home and parents influence the child all the time. If home cooperation is lacking, he points out, the best efforts of the most skillful educator must fail.

At a recent meeting of representatives of all such associations in the city, Superintendent Ballou said:

"We get nearer to the problem of the child when we meet with the parent-teacher organization more than with any other organization. The schools need such help. Officers of the school system need the cooperation of the home in furthering education. Most difficulties arise when parents and teachers differ."

### Growers Appoint Officers.

Perfecting of the plans of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association to market the majority of the tobacco in South Carolina through the many association warehouses in this state resulted in the appointment of several new officials this week.

According to announcement from headquarters of the association at Raleigh, N. C., W. E. Lea of Florence has become Field Service Representative for South Carolina. Mr. Lea's valuable work in the whirlwind campaign which resulted in gaining South Carolina its minimum sign-up in record time assures continued success in the present effort of the association to attain a 75 per cent. state wide membership of South Carolina growers.

Among the most important appointments announced by Raleigh headquarters this week was that of W. Wesley Singletary, manager of warehouses for Lake City. Other appointments for South Carolina are J. F. Lane, manager of warehouses for Danbury; J. F. Bethea, manager of the warehouse at Latta; W. K. McIntosh, warehouse manager at Kingstree, and G. T. Reeves as manager of the association warehouse at Conway. Mr. Reeves was formerly with the Independent warehouse at South Boston, Va., but returns to a familiar field in South Carolina.

Oliver J. Sands general manager of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association addressing the state convention of North Carolina bankers last week at Pinehurst, N. C., said "No wonder that no great economist, no great thinker, no great editor, no man devoted to the common weal anywhere, has been found who opposes the cooperative principle." Mr. Sands said "The Cooperative Marketing Associations have come to build and not destroy. They exist for the benefit of all the people and not for any particular number."

According to the official leader of 70,000 organized tobacco growers, who is recognized as one of the South's outstanding bankers "The banking business would go to smash if the borrower always fixed the rate of interest and the conditions under which money is loaned. The merchant could not long continue in business if the buyer always fixed the prices. Exactly this happens with the farmer. The grower and the producer has been without a representative in the marketing of his product. The new system proposes to change this and have the grower represented."

As evidence of the willingness of large banking firms to back the Cooperative Association for marketing tobacco Mr. Sands referred the North Carolina bankers to Chas. N. Evans representative of the Fifty-third National Bank of Cincinnati who confirmed the fact at this meeting that his bank had made a ninety day loan of a half million dollars to the organized Kentucky Burley growers and that they had paid it back within forty days.

Having introduced thirty-two witnesses in the two days of the trial, the state at 6:15 o'clock last night rested its case against Frank M. Jeffords, Ira Harrison and Glenn Treece, the three men charged with the murder Tuesday a week ago of J. C. Arnette at a filling station in Columbia.

## USE ONLY CALCIUM DUST

Shun Liquid Sprays for Poisoning Boll Weevil.

A warning against liquid sprayer attachments to cotton poisoning machinery is issued by B. R. Coad, director of the boll weevil laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture. Calcium arsenate applied as a dust, he points out, is the only certain means yet found for controlling the boll weevil and any effort at control by means of liquid sprays is useless. Sprayer attachments are, therefore, not only unnecessary but are an added burden. They increase the cost of the machinery and make it more complicated and difficult to operate. The liquid spray, even if it were as effective as the dust method would be decidedly more expensive. It would necessitate the use of water carts, to feed the machines, would demand an ample and constant water supply which is not available on most farms, and in various ways would increase the cost of poisoning operations. Orchardists and others who have to conduct poisoning operations regularly are constantly searching for poisons that can be dusted instead of sprayed. Cotton growers are very fortunate in that the one really effective method of controlling the boll weevil is the dust method and they should not waste time and money. Mr. Coad points out, in experimenting with the expensive spray methods that farmers in other lines are so constantly trying to get away from.

In addition to the foregoing spraying equipment we also find on the market many curious devices for applying some liquid preparation, usually containing calcium arsenate, for the control of the boll weevil. Some of these are to be attached to plows, others to cultivators, while still others run independently. They are usually provided with some exceedingly simple form of tank with a gravity flow of liquid, which either drips on the plants or is wiped on them by some form of brushes or rags. Many such implements are absolutely comical, and the only sad feature is the fact that some farmers are foolish enough to purchase them. The literature advertising these implements promises wonderful results and the directions given often call for only a small fraction of a pound of poison per acre, which is distributed over the plants in a very irregular manner. To expect boll weevil control from such methods is absolutely absurd. The department specialists have been attempting boll weevil control with liquid applications for many years. In these tests they use the finest available high pressure spraying machinery, distributing the liquid poison over the plants in a mist form, thus reaching absolutely every part of the plant. Furthermore, these applications are usually made at the rate of 100 gallons of solution per acre. In spite of this these spray applications do not control the boll weevil, and how can anyone expect to secure benefit from the absurd recommendations issued with some of the machines now offered the farmers?

Farmers who desire more detailed information on this subject may secure it free of charge by writing the Delta Laboratory, Tallulah, Louisiana.

### Odd, Interesting Items in Daily Press.

Twenty-five thousand families of Chicago will move from houses and apartments to tents for the summer in a fight against prohibitive rents, according to an announcement of the Tenants' Protective League of that city. Ninety dollars is set as the price of the camping equipment. Dogs are not allowed, but children are welcomed.

Murder by telephone was the charge preferred against a citizen of Berlin, Germany. Bernard Kobler was accused of telephoning every day, anonymously, to a man suffering from tuberculosis and speaking discouragingly to him of his symptoms and offering advice to commit suicide. The man suffered a collapse and died and Kobler was tried for murder. He escaped penalty through a legal technicality.

Magistrate Black of New York set free Samuel E. Malcolm, 55 years old, married for 28 years, when he celebrated the birth of his first son by getting drunk. The magistrate held that, Volstead law or no Volstead law, there are occasions when a man simply must celebrate, and that the end of 28 fatherless years was such an occasion!

## SWEARINGEN WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR

DECLARES TAX SYSTEM SHOULD BE EQUALIZED AND ADJUSTED.

A special dispatch from Columbia Monday to the News and Courier says: State Superintendent of Education John E. Swearingen tonight definitely announces his candidacy for governor. He is going to be a formidable and to be counted candidate. There will be no also ran candidacy about him. He is running on his personal worth and his record as state superintendent of education. His announcement is characteristically terse and states:

"I shall be a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary. The governorship is the highest honor in the gift of the people; I invite the voters to investigate my character and record. For fourteen years the people have allowed me to work as state superintendent of education. Of the modest standards that have been introduced under fire a fight for the common schools is one, and I prefer to make this fight in the open before the people. Despite the progress of recent years, education is still the chief need of the state. It is the only cure for ignorance as well as the best and safest remedy for poverty and crime.

"The tax system should be adjusted and equalized so as to lighten the burden carried by the small farmer, the small home owner and the small business man. The wealth of the state can easily bear and pay the cost of honest and economical government without hardship on any taxpayer. Our tax burden needs to be justly distributed, conservatively expended. Notwithstanding business depression, the ravages of the boll weevil and the uncertainty of the outlook, our people are not ready yet to close our schools and colleges or to pull down our institutions. The direct tax now burdening visible property must be shifted so as to tap other sources of revenue. Second only to education and taxation stand law enforcement, good roads and public health. The carnival of crime should be checked. The investment already made in good roads should be conserved. Further improvements should be made when funds become available. The campaign for public health should be pressed and every public agency should be strengthened. Factionalism, bickering and strife have too long hurt the state. The governor and the legislature must work together if anything worth while is to be undertaken or accomplished."

Mr. Swearingen was born in Edgefield county near Trenton in 1875. His father was John C. Swearingen, a farmer, Confederate soldier and captain in the Red Shirts. His mother was a sister of Senator Benjamin R. Tillman. When thirteen years old he accidentally lost his sight but that has in no wise interfered with his activities and wonderful mind and memory. He graduated at the University of South Carolina with highest distinction.

His remarkable work for the schools of the state has been his greatest pride. He is a Presbyterian. In 1916 he married Miss Hough and they have two little boys. Mr. Swearingen is keenly interested in farming and is himself largely interested in agricultural ventures.

### Mass Meeting, Citizens of Kingstree.

We understand there is some talk that the Fair Association will not hold a fair this fall. Realizing the value of the County Fair to Kingstree and to Williamsburg county as a whole, we ask the citizens of Kingstree to attend a mass meeting to be held at the court house Monday night at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of getting an expression from Kingstree citizens.

This meeting is for women as well as men. Be sure to come. KINGSTREE BOARD OF TRADE.

It is announced that civil service examinations for postmasterships at North Charleston, Society Hill, Alcolu, Ridgeville, and St. Stephens will be held at Charleston, Darlington, Kingstree, Manning and Summerville, June 10. These postoffices are rated in the third class and pay salaries as follows: North Charleston, \$1,500; Alcolu, \$1,500; Society Hill, \$1,400; Ridgeville, \$1,200, and St. Stephens, \$1,200.